

Claim 8 (Amended Once)

8. Apparatus for applying compressions to the chest of a patient to stimulate blood circulation, comprising:

an energizable compressor assembly which includes an actuator that has a vertical axis that extends perpendicular to the patient's chest, and a pressing member for pressing against the patient;

a torso wrap that couples to said actuator and that wraps to the back of the patient, so downward forces of the pressing member against the patient's chest are withstood by upward forces applied to the patient's back;

a stabilizer that includes a plurality of leg portions that each has an inner end connected to said actuator and an outer end that is positioned to press against the front of the patient, with said outer ends spaced about said axis to minimize tilt of the actuator with respect to the patient's front[.];

said outer ends of said stabilizer leg portions are spaced further from said axis than any part of said pressing member that presses against the patient's chest, said outer ends including first and second ends that lie respectively closer to the head and legs of the patient than said pressing member.

Claim 10 (Amended Once)

10. The apparatus described in claim 8 wherein:

said stabilizer comprises a saucer-shaped element [with] that extends more than 180° about said axis, said element having a center portion fixed to said actuator and a radially outer portion that rests substantially against the patient's chest.

New Claim 13

13. Apparatus for applying compressions to the chest of a patient to stimulate blood circulation, comprising: